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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KRAMPOTICH ET AL.

Examiner

Chandrika Prasad

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 January 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, an outer housing with a first end with an inner edge and an outer edge, a second end with an inner edge and an outer edge and a side with an inner edge and an outer edge must be shown and identified by reference numbers or the feature(s) canceled from the claims 1-7. No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Specification

3. The following is a quotation of an appropriate paragraph of 37 CFR 1.75:

(d) The claim or claims must conform to the invention as set forth in the remainder of the specification and the terms and phrases used in the claims must find clear support or antecedent basis in the description so that the meaning of the terms in the claims may be ascertainable by reference to the description. (See 1.58(a)).

4. Specification is objected under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(d) because an outer housing with a first end with an inner edge and an outer edge, a second end with an inner edge and an outer edge and a side with an inner edge and an outer edge has not been described.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

An outer housing with a first end with an inner edge and an outer edge, a second end with an inner edge and an outer edge and a side with an inner edge and an outer edge has not been described in the specification.

Note: For the purposes of this analysis, it has been assumed that the housing has a first end wall with an inner surface and an outer surface, a second end wall with an inner surface and an outer surface and a side (bottom) wall with an inner surface and an outer surface.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeo et al (JP 10-274359) in view of Meyerhoefer.

Takeo shows a cable clip having a housing with a first end wall with an inner surface & an outer surface, a second end wall with an inner surface & an outer surface, and a side wall with an inner surface & an outer surface defining an open sided space. A gate is hingedly connected to one end wall and a catch to engage a latch at the second end wall to cover the open sided space. The gate includes a curved inner surface and a rib on the opposite surface. The gate has a first shoulder and a second shoulder, which engage extensions at the second end of the housing. The latch has a leading edge, a ramped surface and a ledge. The outer surface of the second end wall is adjacent the bottom of the catch when the gate is in closed position.

But Takeo does not show grooves on the outer surfaces of the first, second and side walls for receiving tabs from an opening in a mounting wall and a trumpet flare. Such a feature is well known in the art of optical connectors. Meyerhoefer (Figures 1-6) shows a clip with these features. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the instant invention to provide such a feature to the Takeo's clip because this would provide means to detachably mount the cable clip in a wall and the trumpet flares would provide a bend radius as taught by Meyerhoefer.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kitagawa Ind Co. Ltd (JP-122758), Bullivant (5765698).

Contact Information


10. Any correspondence to this action may be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chandrika Prasad whose telephone number is (571) 272-2099.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor can be reached at (571) 272-2800 ext 39. The fax number is (703) 872-9306.


Chandrika Prasad
Primary examiner
May 19, 2004